

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT



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Media Opportunity - National Adoption Day 2007 – this Saturday

In celebration of National Adoption Day, Host Judge Michael Offner is opening the Adams County Courthouse in Hastings this Saturday to hold special adoption hearings for children from the foster care system.

Please join the children, their families, families who have previously adopted children since last year's Adoption Day, attorneys, foster parents, protection and safety workers, court staff, well-wishers, volunteers and others involved in the adoption process at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings to celebrate National Adoption Day.

When: Saturday, November 17

Morning at the courthouse: Families will arrive at the courthouse in the morning for the eight scheduled adoption hearings.

11:30 a.m. - Festivities begin at the fairgrounds - A party and carnival will be set up at the Adams County Fairgrounds. A luncheon will be provided for all attending, along with gift bags for the adoptive children.

2007 will mark the third Adoption Day for the 10th Judicial District County Court in south central Nebraska.

All fifty-three adoptions which were finalized in the nine county district since last year's Adoption Day will be recognized at a luncheon celebration. Games, gifts and lots of fun await the adoptive families and everyone who has been a part of the Juvenile Court/Adoptive process.

This will be a fun community event

*** Reporters and photographers who need to be matched with families willing to "tell their story" should contact Kristine Larsen, HHS System at 402- 705-0006, 402-462-1820 or kristine.larsen@dhhs.ne.gov.*

In order to increase the visibility of the need for foster care adoptions in Nebraska, cameras will be allowed into select adoption hearings. If your station/paper would like to have a still or television camera inside the courtroom for an adoption hearing, please contact Kristine Larsen at the numbers and address above.